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SUBJECT: POLICE RECORDS FOR REFUGEES AND/OR OTHER PROSPECTIVE
IMMIGRANTS TO US

1. LEGISLATION RELATING TO POLICE RECORDS OF PERSONS RESIDENT
IN AUSTRIA WHICH HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY MADE AVAILABLE FOR VISA
CASES, PROVIDES FOR TERMINATION OF SUCH PRACTICE EFFECTIVE
JULY 1. HEREAFTER, IMMIGRANT VISA APPLICANTS RESIDING IN OR
HAVING HAD PRIOR RESIDENCE IN AUSTRIA WILL BE REQUIRED TO
APPLY ON INDIVIDUAL AND PERSONAL BASIS AT PRECINCT POLICE
OFFICE, WHICH INVOLVES PAYMENT OF 42 SCHILLING FEE PER RECORD
TO AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES.

2. EMBASSY CONTEMPLATES CALLING MEETING OF VOLAG REPRESENTATIVES
IN VIENNA TO ACQUAINT THEM WITH CHANGE IN PROCEDURE AND TO
COORDINATE REQUIREMENTS OF INTENDING IMMIGRANTS:CONDITIONAL
ENTRANTS IN OBTAINING THEIR OWN POLICE RECORDS.

3. EMBASSY UNAWARE WHETHER RMRC CONTINUES TO OBTAIN BY OTHER
MEANS POLICE RECORDS OF PROSPECTIVE IMMIGRANTS DESPITE CURRENT
AUSTRIAN PROHIBITION. DOES RMRC HAVE ANY OBJECTION TO EMBASSY
PROCEEDING WITH ESTABLISHMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF LOCAL
PROCESSING PLAN? AUSTRIAN REQUIREMENT THAT POLICE RECORDS
BE PERSONALLY OBTAINED BY PARTY TO WHOM RECORD PERTAINS MAY
RESULT IN CONSIDERABLE LENGTHENING OF PROCESSING TIME. APART
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FROM ADDITIONAL EXPENSE TO IMMIGRANT EMBASSY ANTICIPATES

CHANGE IN PROCEDURES WILL RESULT IN INITIAL DELAYS DUE TO
INEXPERIENCE OF AUTHORITIES IN IMPLEMENTING NEW PROCEDURES
RE PROVISIONS OF POLICE RECORDS TO INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT.

4. UNFORTUNATELY, FEW INTMIN OFFICIALS AVAILABLE FOR CON-
SULTATION THIS QUESTION BECAUSE OF SUMMER HOLIDAYS. AS SOON
AS MORE DETAILED INFORMATION CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE IT WILL
BE RELAYED TO RMRC.MOWINCKEL

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